

REMARKS

Applicants' representative, Jing G. Sun, thanks Examiner Kosack for the helpful and courteous telephone discussion of December 22, 2005. During the discussion, it was agreed that the scope of the elected invention as defined in the Office Action of December 6, 2005 be slightly expanded to include R¹ being -CH₂NH₂ and A and B each being pyridyl ring; and the 112 rejection of Claim 7 be withdrawn.

Status

Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-7 and 24-28 will be pending in this application. Claims 8-14 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 15-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a later application. Support for the amendments and new claim can be found in the original claims and throughout the specification. No new matter will be added upon entry of the amendments.

Election/Restrictions

Applicants affirm the election of Group I. Claims have been amended as being drawn to the elected subject matter. Accordingly, the objections to claims 1-7 and 15-19 are believed to be overcome.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of Group II, claims 8-14, once allowable subject matter has been found in Group I. Claims 8-14 depend from the product claims.

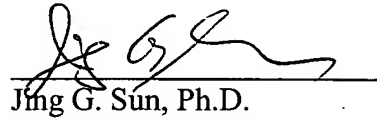
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st ¶

Claims 7 and 15-19 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection to claim 7 was withdrawn by the Examiner during the telephone discussion of December 22, 2005. Claims 15-19 have been canceled. Withdrawal of the §112 rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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